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Voters to Decide on School Levy

by Barb Kancelbaum

Shaker Heights residents of voting age will decide whether or not to pass the 6.5-mill levy on June 2. If the levy passes, the Shaker school system will be able to continue its programs, the prices of which are going up rapidly because of inflation. The additional money, which should net $2,000,000 annually in actually usable funds, is absolutely necessary in order for the school system to avoid cutting back programs, according to Mr. Irwin Feldman, School Board President. While Mr. Feldman would rather not discuss failure of the levy, he says that should the situation arise, cutbacks would then be evaluated. Further stressing the importance of the levy, Mr. Feldman says, "I think it's very important for the children of the district .... We're producing excellent students and it would be a shame to have to cut back on staff or materials. This would be detrimental to our educational system." Even with the levy, efficiencies and cutbacks not harmful to the educational process are being made.

To reach out to the public in an appeal for levy votes, Mrs. Paula Ockner has organized a series of talks which are taking place throughout the city. School Board members, Mr. Feldman, James Berick, Barbara Gray, Willie S. Williams, and Katherine McWilliams, in addition to the central school administration, are delivering these talks, which illustrate the necessity for voter support. Says Mrs. Ockner, chairperson of the community contact committee, "It is particularly important to reach those adults without children in the school system because students represent the future of Shaker Heights." She adds the familiar sentiment, "A community is known by the schools it keeps."

The Shaker Jazz Ensemble performed at Shaker on Stage on May 1, 1981. Shaker on Stage, the first event of Shakerfest, was performed in the High School auditorium. MELLIN

Evaluation by NCA Commends Shaker

by Andrea Nagy

As the culmination of over one year of study and analysis of Shaker Heights High School, the final report of the North Central Association was presented to the PTA by Principal Al Zimmerman on March 30.

The Association concluded that few high schools do a better job of educating students and preparing them for college, according to the final report. The team of 56 educators was also impressed by "the exciting teaching and the responsiveness of the students" at Shaker.

As a member of the North Central Association, Shaker must be accredited every seven years. The evaluation was divided into two major areas: (1) Self-evaluation; (2) On-site evaluation by an external team of educators. The committee of administrators was led by Dr. Robert Botthof, principal of Oak Park and River Forest High School in Illinois.

The committee made 298 recommendations over all departments in the school. These recommendations have been given to each department chairman, who has made reports analyzing the priority of each suggestion for the department. The chairman determines whether the recommendation is already provided for, or should be eliminated as inappropriate, or should be considered further. The time priority and the cost factor of the recommendation are also analyzed, and a final action is taken on each.

Shakerfest Celebrates Shaker Achievements

by Connie Hartley

The Shakerfest, the Shaker schools' annual festival celebrating the many achievements and talents of students was held on May 1-3 at Byron Junior High. Shaker on Stage, the show with talented Shaker residents as the cast, kicked off the Shakerfest on Friday, May 1st.

The first full day of the Shakerfest was Saturday, May 2. On show at Byron was music from the elementary schools and Woodbury Junior High, dance presentations from Byron, Woodbury, and the high school, and synchronized swimming from Woodbury. There were also physical education demonstrations from the elementary schools.

On both Saturday and Sunday Le Cafe FLES was open, where samples of French pastries made by elementary students with help from students from Woodbury were available. There were also many art exhibits from all the schools, and curricular displays and publications from Byron, Woodbury, and the high school. The elementary schools each presented one aspect of Shaker education, including Creative Expression from Boulevard, Blowing in the Wind from Lomond, Year by Year from Malvern, and Kids Are ... from Sussex.

On Sunday were more musical presentations, and physical education demonstrations, as well as synchronized swimming and a performance from the Shaker High Acting Ensemble.

The gallery displays, performances, and other activities gave the Shaker community an exciting opportunity to enjoy a weekend full of student achievements and talents.

AP Testing

MAY

18 Morning - English
Afternoon - German; Music

19 Morning - Spanish Literature; American History
Afternoon - Physics

20 Morning - Mathematics
Afternoon - Spanish Language

21 Morning - Chemistry; French Literature
Afternoon - European History

22 Morning - French Language; Art History; Latin
Afternoon - Biology; Studio Art

Coming Events

MAY

21 Excel Awards Night
25 Memorial Day - no school
27 Music Department Picnic
28 Senior Honors Program 7:30

Editorial

Levy Passage is Critical

The citizens of Shaker Heights will have the opportunity to vote upon a 6.5-mill school levy on June 2. This levy will provide approximately $2,136,000 per year for the school system, and it is much needed.

The Shaker Schools have set a very high standard of excellence. In a year when 83 seniors received honor keys, the Hockey team won the state championship and the outstanding musical, **Anything Goes**, was presented, this commitment to excellence is clearly displayed. Shaker Heights needs the levy to maintain these standards and **The Shakerite** urges support.

Some critics of the school levy suggest that the money is merely going to be wasted on buying such items as new Betamaxes for the library; this is inaccurate. (Only 4 percent of the money would be allocated for equipment of any kind.) Because of inflation, a 9-mill levy is needed simply to maintain current programs, and the School Board is going to have to cut back with only 6.5 mills to spend.

Eighty-three percent of the money raised goes to pay for teachers' salaries, insurance and retirement benefits. It is well known that Shaker teachers are among the best paid in the state, and if Shaker Heights wants to maintain its high standards, it must be able to draw good teachers into the district and retain them, as it has done for many years.

It is very likely that most Shaker Heights residents do not realize exactly what effects the failure of the levy would have. At the high school alone, drastic changes would be made to cope with the much reduced budget. If the school levy does not pass, course offerings in such areas as art, music, and physical education would be significantly reduced, elective courses would be limited, extracurricular activities curtailed, and the school lunch program eliminated. We cannot afford to lose these things; they are an important part of the educational process at this school.

The failure of the levy would have ramifications not only in the schools but throughout the community. One of the major attributes of the community has always been its outstanding school system. The decline of the schools would precipitate a corresponding decline in the community. The Shaker community has always been highly supportive of the school system, and it is that support which has allowed the schools to become so outstanding.

The Shaker schools are now nationally recognized as a unique system. The 6.5 school levy is essential to keep that reputation alive.

Letter to the Editor

Superintendent responds to criticism

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the comments of student, Liz Owen, regarding my remarks at the Honor Key Assembly. I think Miss Owen must remember that we live in a democracy and that adequate funding of schools is essential, particularly if we are to continue to honor students at Key assemblies. I tried to mention tactfully the need for adequate school finances. It made up one sentence of my five minute remarks. I hardly think that a discussion of the needs of our school is inappropriate at any school function.

I think that it would be well for Miss Owen to remember that without those of us who are responsible for financing her education, there could not continue to be a quality education such as she and her friends have enjoyed over the past twelve or thirteen years. I make no apology for talking about the merits and needs of this system. Because this community has taken the time to consider such needs, Miss Owen has had one of the better educations in this nation. I hardly feel that it is out of place to remind our students, as I did that evening, that without the support of this wonderful community and its citizens, there would be no Honor Key programs. I hardly think that mention of past support, and the needs of the present, mar any program of this school system. We all need to be reminded of the financial sacrifice that many people make so that our students can enjoy superior benefits.

Neither do we achieve alone! Many people are responsible for each student's success and that was the point of my remarks. It would be well for us each to remember that without our citizens, there would be few students who would have the opportunity to achieve. Education, in a democracy, is a very real responsibility of all of us. We should never feel that discussions of this type are out of order. Particularly as outstanding students leave us, may they remember the heritage, stress and pain that has made their education possible. May we continue to credit this community for its foresight and wisdom. That was the point of my remarks.

Very sincerely yours,

Jack P. Taylor, Ph. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Editorial

Students: Support the Schools

Students of voting age will have the opportunity to take part in an important decision on June 2. The success of the 6.5-mill school levy on the ballot that day will determine whether the quality of education in the Shaker Schools will be maintained at the current high level.

You, the students, know first-hand that the Shaker school system is an unusually excellent one. The schools have served students exceptionally well. Those of you who are eligible to vote can help the schools by voting "yes" on the school levy issue; those who cannot vote themselves can help by encouraging friends, parents, and other citizens to vote for the levy.

Although you may be graduating in the near future, many other students stand to lose unless the millage passes, and the continued superior reputation of the schools and the community, which will be reflected upon you as graduates, depends upon the maintenance of the district's high standards of excellence.

We urge each Shaker student over 18 years of age to turn out on election day and to cast his ballot in favor of the levy. Your vote demonstrates your appreciation for the schools and promises good schools for the future.

Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or to any Shakerite editor.

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Sharcs Show Based on Television Shows

by Lucy Drotning

"Swimming the Channels" was the title of the Sharcs Club Spring synchronized-swim production held on May 8, 9, and 10. The music and scenery of the show were based on television movies or programs. The opening routine was set to the theme music of SWAT and the finale was done to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Other routines and participants are as follows:

Rockford Files - Diane Erickson and Char Makley
Happy Days - Anne Drotning, Elizabeth Weinstock, Patty Lewis, Ann Merchant, Susan Glaser, and Madeline Murphy
My Life - Michelle Arney, Cindy Chalabian, Martha Curran, Diane Erickson, Gretchen Hess, Shari Lefton, Ellen McGandy, Diana Price, Lynne Safford, and Lisa Marec.
Bandstand Boogie - Sheri Bloom, Jill Weckstein, Brooke Guda, Sue Berger, Ann Christie, Paula Frank, Mark Viola, Jamie Gannon, Chris Laisy, Scott Blackhurst, Scott Garson, and Eric Sigel
The Entertainer - Diana Price, Ann Merchant, and Michelle Arney
Sesame Street - Sheri Bloom, Paula Frank, Brooke Guda, Sue Berger, Jill Weckstein, and Ann Christie
Wizard of Oz - Martha Curran, Sue Berger, Paula Frank and Sheri Bloom
Little House on the Prairie - Jill Weckstein and Ann Christie
Police Story - Anne Drotning, Susan Glaser, Patty Lewis, Lisa Marec, Cindy Chalabian, and Elizabeth Weinstock
Pink Panther - Brooke Guda, Sue Berger, Ann Christie, Sheri Bloom, Shari Lefton, and Susan Glaser
The Monkees - John Beesley, Gary Lewis, Andy Blackhurst, Mike Duffett, Paul Galmitz, John Dreyfuss, Chris Miloscia, and Scott Wipper
Solo - Brooke Guda

The swimmers have been working out and practicing since mid-January under the enthusiastic direction of Ms. Jody Wolf, who predicted before the show that "all the time and hard work and effort are pulling together and will result in a very successful show."

Government Intern Day Attracts Many Students

by Gail Gandal

Government Intern Day took place on May 6, 1981. On that date, high school students held all administrative and government jobs in the school and the community. The day lasted from 8:30 to 4:30 with a luncheon in the Social Room. When assignments for positions were made, four criteria were taken into consideration: class (sophomore, junior, or senior), how many seminars a student attended, previous participation in Government Intern, and the preferences of the individual students. Because of the large number of participants, only those with nine or more points were chosen for positions. It turned out that many sophomores and juniors were able to get positions, as well as seniors.

The key position of Mayor was held by Mike Richardson, with the Vice-Mayor being David Igram. Other key positions and the student intern are as follows: Director of Safety - Sanford Watson; Chief Administrative Officer - Brian McNitt; Clerk of Council - Rob Kowal; Director of Law - Sandra Bailey; Prosecutor - David Gray; Chief of Police - Wesley Burkett; Judge - David Friedman; Chief of Fire - Adi Mintz; Superintendent of Schools - Stuart Freedman; Assistant Superintendents of Schools - Gail Gandal and Jeff Orloff; Principal - Debbie Friedman; Assistant Principal - Neil Merkatz; Unit Principals - Lelia True, Cathy Chin, and Eric Bell; and the Council members - Dan Schwartz, Kim Hunter, Ellen Speer, Tim Marek, Jake London, Matt Girvin, and Alex Miron.

This list is by no means complete, since over 70 people participated in this year's program.

Senior Activities

MAY

11-29 Senior Prom Sign-up with Mrs. Lindbloom - cost $16.00 per couple
28 Senior Honors Day – Large Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
29 Senior Picnic – Horseshoe Lake 12:00-3:00 p.m.

JUNE

3-4 Senior Project Reports due
9 Senior Prom -- Crawford Auto Museum 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
11 Commencement Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. – Music Hall
Commencement 8:30 p.m. – Music Hall

Choirs Present Spring Concert

by John Hairston

Shaker's choral groups performed the Spring Choral Concert on Monday night, May 4. The concert was held at 8:00 p.m. in the large auditorium.

The A Cappella Choir, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Sophomore Ensemble, and Chanticleers performed a wide variety of musical compositions ranging from classical to pop. Included also was a composition written by David Pogue and a dance routine performed and choreographed by Laura Cooper and Laura Knowlton.

All of the choral groups were under the direction of John Everson.

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A Dramatic Success

by Dan Tinianow

Shaker's Drama Department has turned out two outstanding performances so far this year. **Ah Wilderness!** and the Drama and Music departments' collaboration on **Anything Goes** were both sparkling successes, and the upcoming **Adaptations** is sure to be an excellent production. These are the more visible accomplishments of the Drama department; not many Shakerites are aware of the existence of the acting ensemble.

The acting ensemble is directed by James Thornton. Mr. Thornton is assisted by his former student, Vince Cardinal. Mr. Thornton has specific goals in mind for the acting ensemble: he wants the group to develop insights and ideas for an original script and eventually create a touring show.

The acting ensemble meets every Tuesday. A typical meeting consists mainly of a type of acting exercise called improvisation. Improvisation involves a group of actors who are given a basic premise and then build a scene on that premise without using a script. The purpose of these regular workshops is to develop the qualities of a good jazz ensemble as well as a sense of group awareness, trust, and instinct.

Mr. Thornton plans to hold auditions for the acting ensemble annually. He feels that the most positive thing about the acting ensemble is its "unique training approach, because most theatre companies work on one play and it ends there. The acting ensemble will go on to something else and continue working together."

There will be auditions for next year's ensemble shortly after school starts in the fall.

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by Cheryl A. Morgan

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Shaker Senior Attends "High School In Israel"

by Sallie Fine

Scott Sill, a senior here at Shaker, recently spent roughly two months in Israel. Scott participated in a program called "High School in Israel".

The program was started by a reformed rabbi in Florida who felt that Jewish education was poor, and that Jewish youth were in need of a more thorough study of their religion and culture.

The school itself is located northeast of Tel Aviv. The campus is part of Mosansin School and serves approximately 700 students, 300 of whom board. The high school in Israel is separate from Mosansin, but all the students ate together, and the American students did have the opportunity to interact with the Israeli students.

The program is taught on a college level. Eighty students were involved, and they were divided into four classes. When touring, two classes would travel together. The classroom format is basically lecture-discussion.

The time is divided into traveling and classroom. For example, when they were studying the Roman period of the first century, a trip was made to the ancient fortress Masada.

Scott feels the educational format is effective and explained, "What we were doing was actually living history." While participating in this program, Scott earned half an English credit and half a social study credit.

Scott found the Israeli people very friendly and very moral. There is a large nationalistic feeling. Since Israel's location is that of a war zone, Scott was asked if he felt uneasy about it. He said he "felt pretty safe, but there were always threats of terrorism."

The cost of the program is approximately $2100 for seven weeks, but scholarships are available through the Jewish Federation for exceptional students or those in need of financial aid.

Shaker Reaps Success at History Day Contest

In the recent National History Day Contest, which was held on April 11, 1981, Shaker junior A.P. History students took seven out of twelve possible awards. The contest is run by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with three stages of competition: regional, state, and national. The contest in which the Shaker students participated was at the regional level.

The Shaker winners were: Matt Wall, second in Essay Competition; Sue Goldman, second in Individual Performance; Cindy Plevin, Ruth Landau, Barbara Berger, and Steve Hulbert, third in Group Performance; Rob Hitzig, Tom Bernard, Damon Jacobucci, and Omar Igram, first in Group Project; Alice Davis, Bill Nelson, Stephen Heller, and Rachel Hollander, second in Group Project; Mark Froelich and Sam Diener, second in Group Project; Eric Degenfelder and Alex Miron, third in Group Project; and Chris Will, WCLV Special Award.

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Sports Shorts

by Eric Sigel

A former Raider could conceivably get national exposure next fall. The Ohio State Buckeyes recently concluded their spring drills, and Orlando Lowry, Shaker's All-American defensive end, is making a bid for an outside linebacking post. The Buckeyes will graduate seven starting defensive players and according to OSU coach Earle Bruce, Lowry is a "strong contender" to start next season. This is quite an accomplishment for Lowry, who will be only a sophomore entering next year's campaign. As a freshman, Orlando saw only limited duty on the special teams.

News Notes

The Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble performed on April 24, 1981, under the direction of Fred Mosier. This last band concert of the year honored the graduating senior members of the band.

The Jeffrey Young Memorial Fund is now accepting donations, which will be added to a sustaining fund, in order to benefit two graduating Seniors each year. The award will be presented on Senior Honors Night. The seniors will be selected on the basis of their contributions to the areas of Drama and Musical Accompaniment. If you wish to give donations to this fund, please mail your contribution to Mr. Zimmerman.

The annual PTA Geranium Sale was held on Saturday, May 16, 1981, in the North Gym, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Gristmill, Shaker's yearbook, will be distributed in late May or early June. The theme of this year's edition will be "Reel".

The Lacrosse club, coached by Miss Jodi Wolf, has two games scheduled. The coed, experimental team will face two girls' squads - Laurel, on May 14, and Hathaway Brown, May 29. These private schools are more experienced, but Shaker, comprised mainly of guys, will present a tough challenge. The HB game was scheduled after their season was over because their coach feared injury to her club. It should be interesting.

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Jerry Graham has presented a challenge to the student body, as well as the faculty. Mr. Graham is an avid jogger and in his travels has invented a school run. In this mini-marathon, the runner has to touch every public school in Shaker. The jogger, besides being in shape, must plan a strategic route. Mr. Graham is interested in the fastest legitimate time. He estimated the run to be approximately eleven miles, although you may find a shorter path.

Girls' Track Squad Ready for Season

by Leslie Henshaw

The Girls' Track team, although seldom noticed, is worth recognizing. The 21-member squad, under the direction of Head Coach Mary Ellen Leuty and Assistant Coach Henry Woodard, began conditioning in early February, and began regular training the first week of March.

After weeks of hard work, the girls, led by Co-captains Kathy Dixon and Suzanne Holman, opened their season with a tri-meet against Regina and East Tech. Shaker finished in second place, trailing Regina by twelve points. The Raiders jumped to an early lead, after taking first, second and third in the long jump, placing second and third in the discus, and capturing first place in the shotput.

Senior Sandy Lee's first-place toss of 37'5" set a new school record. Although the team was unable to hold the lead, other victories were recorded in the 100-meter hurdles and the 440 relay.

The following week, the girls ran in their second meet, competing against Beaumont and Warrensville in another tri-meet. Beaumont dominated the meet, but Shaker was able to edge out Warrensville for a second-place finish. Lee recorded a first place finish in both the shot and discus, giving Shaker its only victories of the afternoon.

The Raiders' third contest of this spring was a dual meet against Collinwood. Although Shaker could not pull off a win, many individuals performed well. Gail Elmore gave Shaker a second-place finish in the long jump, while Lee took both the shot and discus. Ginny Landgraf broke the tape in the mile run, Alesia Malby recorded a second-place finish in the 100-meter dash, and Holman won the 880-yard run.

The Raiders have not had an LEL meet yet, but the team hopes for a third place finish in the league. Cleveland Heights and Lakewood are expected to vie for the LEL title.

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Sauerland Wins Junior Olympics

by Eric Sigel

Incredible! John Sauerland keeps on getting better every time he dives into the pool. His most impressive achievement thus far came in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the U.S. Junior Olympic Swimming Championships. Against the best high school competition in the nation, Sauerland captured the 100 yard freestyle title and placed second in the 50, after having set a meet record in the prelims.

In the past two years, Sauerland, under the tutelage of Peter Linn, has progressed from an untested swimmer with great potential to one of the most outstanding in the nation. Among high school swimmers, Mr. Linn ranks him as "one of the top six swimmers in both events."

Going into the meet, Sauerland was seeded first in the 50, in a field of 84, and second in the 100, in a field of 104. He wound up with a silver in the 50, finishing just five one-hundredths of a second behind the winner with a time of :20.82. His time was good enough to break the previous meet record. Sauerland's victory in the 100 was especially satisfying to him. He finished fourth in the state meet, his only apparent "lapse" during the season, but came back with an amazing performance at junior nationals with a time of :45.50, bettering his old mark by three-tenths of a second.

A couple of weeks prior to this meet, senior nationals were held at Harvard. The field consisted of the best collegiate swimmers in the nation. The eighth place swimmer posted a time of 44.8 in the 100. Sauerland's time places him less than a second behind the eighth fastest swimmer in the country. Since official rankings won't be released until June, there is no telling how many men stand between him and the top echelon, but John is certainly fast approaching the quickest swimmers in the nation.

Netters Outduel Foes

by Matthew Glickman

The Shaker Tennis team began its season on a winning note, losing its only match of the season to the 1980 state champions Upper Arlington. The netters have compiled a 7-1 record overall and a 2-0 record in the LEL.

The team traveled to Mayfield on Monday, April 6, for its opening match after a month of indoor practices, walking away with a 4-1 victory. Peter Rogus won his singles match at the top spot 6-1, 6-1; Rob Kowal downed his opponent, 6-3, 6-4, at second singles; the first doubles team of Mike Sload and Paul Spring prevailed 6-4, 6-3; and second doubles, Derrick Milligan and Joe Leo, won 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. Kent Whitley lost 6-2, 6-4 at third singles.

On Wednesday, Euclid was the next team to fall victim to Shaker netters, losing 5-0.

The Raiders then boosted their record to 3-0 over Spring vacation with a 5-0 routing of St. Edwards.

On Saturday, April 18, Raider netters traveled to Columbus to face state champion Upper Arlington and Columbus Academy. Although Shaker played a tough match against Arlington, it was not reflected in the score, 5-0.

Shaker, however, was victorious in the afternoon, beating Columbus Academy 9-4.

On Monday, April 20, Shaker played its first LEL contest, against Garfield, winning easily 5-0.

On Thursday, April 23, Hawken hosted Shaker netters, losing 4-1.

Next, the Raiders downed rival Heights, 3-2. In the contest, all singles won, but neither doubles team could pull off a victory.

With twelve matches left to play, the Raiders face some of their toughest opponents of the year including Orange and University School, but the team expects to have an excellent season, including winning the LEL championship.

A COMMUNITY IS KNOWN BY THE SCHOOLS IT KEEPS

Seniors Support the Levy

None can better attest to the quality of a Shaker education than those who have experienced it. The following members of the Shaker Heights High School graduating class of 1981 have expressed their support for the upcoming School Levy. Vote Yes on June 2.

Derek Green
Leslie Henshaw
Devereux Palmer
Wendy Weitzner
Bob Norris
Linda Michelson
Marsha Garrett
Paula Frank
R.D. Cunningham
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